



**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

Appl. No. : 09/749,287 Confirmation No.: 5766  
Applicant : Gene R. Anderson *et al.*  
5 Filed : December 26, 2000  
TC/A.U. : 2839  
Examiner : Prasad, Chandrika  
  
Docket No. : 1613370.0013  
10 Customer No. : 7470

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O.Box 1450  
15 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

**Amendment**

Sir:

20 In response to the Office Action mailed on July 23, 2003, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

**Amendments to the Specification** begin on page 2 of this paper;

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 4 of the this paper; and

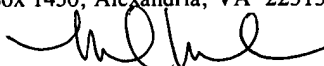
25 **Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 10 of this paper.

Reconsideration of this application is respectfully requested.

**FIRST CLASS CERTIFICATE OF MAILING**

I hereby certify that this paper is being deposited with the United States Postal Service as first class mail in an envelope addressed to: Commissioner for Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450 on January 22, 2004.

Melissa McCool  
Name

  
Signature

January 22, 2004  
Date

01/30/2004 MAHMED1 00000092 231703 09749287

02 FC:1806 180.00 DA